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EXERCISES

On August 18, Prime Minister Reinfeldt announced the unilateral cancellation of all visits, meetings, and shared exercises with Russia. Reinfeldt reiterated Sweden's position that Russian troops must cease with activities aimed at destabilizing Georgia, must retreat to behind the lines they held before the hostilities broke out, and the humanitarian aid must be allowed to reach the civilian population. This freezing of military cooperation affects nearly 20 visits planned for 2008/2009 in Sweden, Russia and the Baltic Sea. Opposition leader Mona Sahlin expressed her party's full support for the cancellations.  
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